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### 'N WAARSKUWING.

'n Tydige gelde is 'n tegniese kommissie deur die Britse Government aangestel om die rede van die groot verliese, wat deur die Pluimveebedryf, weens siekte gely is, te ondersoek. Die verslag van die Kommissie is gepubliseer en dit bevat aanbevelings vir die beheer oor teel- en opvoeding as 'n poging om die treurige omstandighede te verbeter.

Vir 'n gerime tyd het soortgelyke aanbeveling as verbetering middel, maar op 'n kleiner skaal, die aandag van verskeie lede van u Sentraleraad getoet. Die artikel oor die bedryf wat in hierdie uitgawe verskyn is 'n ruime tyd voordat ons enig its gehoor het oor die oorsese aanbevelings, geskryf, en lesers sal dus besef dat die gekose leiers van die bedryf wakker is tot die gevare wat die lewensbestaan van pluimvee in die Unie mag dreig.

'n Begin sal hierdie maand gemaak word met die B.W.D. Toets-Skema wat op versoek van die Vereniging ingewy is. Die voorwaardes vir die toets mag in die begin stadium sekere ontberinge aan uitbroeiings en groot teiens veroorsaak. Dit is 'n vrywillige skema en dit is alleen deur die streng toepassing van die regulasies dat ons enige sukses kan verwag en B.W.D. uit die troppe van die Unie verwyder.

Hierdie skema is maar net 'n gedeelte van 'n program wat gevolg moet word as ons gehoor wil gee aan die waarskwing wat van oerse kom. Dit is outdies om te wag tot toestande in die Unie so erg word as wat die geval in Engeland is. Ons moet nou stappe neem en sorg dat soortgelyke omstandighede nie hier mag heers nie.

### A WARNING.

Some time ago a Technical Commission was appointed by the British Government to enquire into the causes of the widespread disease which was causing such serious loss to the Poultry Industry in Great Britain. The Report of that Committee has now been published, and contains recommendations for control of breeding establishments to endeavour to remedy the sorry state of affairs existing.

For some time various members of your Central Board have had similar recommendations under consideration on a smaller scale, as preventive measures. The article on the Industry in this month's Bulletin was written long before we had news of what was being recommended overseas, so that readers will see that the elected leaders of the Industry in the Union are fully aware of the dangers which might threaten the livelihood of the poultrymen of the Union.

This month will see the beginning of the B.W.D. Testing Scheme, which was inaugurated at the request of the Association. The rules governing participation in the test are stringent, and may for a time impose some little hardship on hatcheries and larger breeders. The scheme is, however, voluntary, and only by the stringent enforcement of the regulations set out can it hope for success and the elimination of B.W.D. from the flocks in the Union.

This is only part of a programme which must be followed if we are to heed the warning given by conditions overseas. It is no use waiting until conditions become as bad in the Union, we must act now and be prepared to prevent such a state of affairs happening.

## LIEWERS DAARVOOR AS DAARNA.

Alleen deur ware ko-operasie van alle belangstelendes kan ons in die bereiding van 'n gedragelyk om die pluimvee van die Unie te beskerm, slaag. Ons het die voedsel van ootseese ondervindinge, asook die stappe wat aanbeveel is om die bedryf te herstel. Dit is noodsaaklik dat op een of ander vorm beheer of regulasies ingedien moet word, en terwyl enige heite besnoeiing met individuele vryheid en besigheid vir meeste van ons onverskuldig is, ons moet dit besef dat in die belange van die bedryf as 'n geheel is beheer en regulasies tot 'n mate nodig.

Die vernaamste telers besef dat daar gevrees kan bestaan deur die eksploitasie van die bedryf deur die grootste wins in die kortste tyd te verkry, maar alle telers sal dit moet besef dat as 'n beskerm teen die onkundige, agterloeiige en onverskillige boere, moet regulasies ingebring word wat van toepassing op almal sal wees.

## 'N KORREKSIE.

'n Getal leers van die Bulletin sal met verbasing die brief van 'n lid van die Sentraalraad gelees het wat in die Maart uitgawe van die „S.A. Poultry Magazine“ verskyn het. Ons is deur die skrywer versker dat 'n hernesping van die beskniddings, gemaak in daardie brief, sal in die April uitgawe van dieselfde blad gepubliseer word. Dit is gehoop dat affiliasies en lede, voordat Konferensie plaarvind, hierdie feite sal noteer, anders mag hulle onder 'n verkeerde indruk wees en stemmery mag grawekter word. Dit is op hierdie stadium alleen nodig om 'n volle en volmondige ontkenning van elke bewering wat gemaak is, te gee. Volledige besonderhede sal in alle waarskynlikheid op die Konferensie gegee word.

## SUID-AFRIKAANSE EIERS.

As gevolg van vertoe aan hom gerig deur die kantoor van die Handelskommissaris, het die Stadsklerk, Birmingham, ingestem om Suid-Afrikaanse eiers in te sluit in die tendervorm wat elke week deur die Sentrale Aankoopdepartement uitgereik word en om tenderaars te vra om vanaf die begin van Oktober, d.w.s. die aanvang van die seisoen, pryse in te dien vir eiers wat uit Suid-Afrika afkomstig is.

'n Firma wat in Suid-Afrikaanse eiers in Engeland handel, verklaar: "Nadat ons eers een van die Inrigtings bewys het om 'n monsterkas Suid-Afrikaanse eiers te probeer, het die eiers groot lyval gevind. Gedurende die laaste week of twee, nou dat die Suid-Afrikaanse seisoen ten einde loop, moes ons eiers van elders afkomstig gebruik om aan te vul, dog dit is slegs met 'n mate van huiverigheid dat hulle aangeneem is. Dit is vir ons 'n groot genoed om hierdie blyk van waardering aan u mee te deel, en sover dit ons betref, kan ons daarby voeg dat ons nie 'n enkele klagte ontvang het oor die gehalte van die 1,000 kaste wat ons hierdie seisoen verkoop het nie."—(Afdeling Landbou-ondersoek en -uitbreiding, Pretoria.)

## PREVENTION IS BETTER THAN CURE.

Only by the closest co-operation of all concerned can we hope to draw up a programme to safeguard the poultry flocks of the Union. We have the benefit of experiences overseas and the steps recommended as necessary to rebuild an industry. Here we can examine such recommendations from the standpoint of preventive measures. These must necessarily mean some form of control or regulations, and while interference with individual liberty and business is abhorrent to most of us, we must recognise that in the interests of the Industry as a whole some form must eventually be necessary.

The best breeders are aware of the dangers which can arise from exploiting the industry for the largest profit in the shortest space of time, but all breeders must realise that to guard against the ignorant, the careless and indifferent, regulations must be framed to cover everyone. Views of readers will be welcomed when they have had an opportunity of studying the report mentioned.

## A CORRECTION.

Many readers of the Bulletin will have read with amazement a letter from a member of the Central Board published in the March issue of "The S.A. Poultry Magazine." We are assured by the writer that a retraction of the accusations made in that letter will be published in the April issue of the same paper. It is regretted, however, that such statements can be made even in haste without first ascertaining the true facts of the case. It is hoped that affiliations and members will take note of this before Conference, otherwise a wrong impression will be held by them and voting may be swayed accordingly. It is only necessary now to give a full and unqualified denial to each and every allegation made. Fuller details will doubtless be given at Conference.

ATTENTION,  
CLUB SECRETARIES.

NO BULLETINS are being posted this month except to members of affiliations which have submitted names and addresses of 1938 members as per Clause 9 of the Constitution. Are you depriving your members of their Bulletin by your negligence?

## OMMISSION.

Owing to a regrettable error, the name of Mr. Colin Campbell, of East London, was omitted from the minutes of the Central Board given at the end of the Report by that body, published on page 8 of our March issue. We extend to Mr. Campbell our apologies.

## UTTLATING.

Met spyt moet ons meld dat die naam van Mr. Colin Campbell, van Oos-Londen, uitgelaat is van die lede van die Sentraalraad wat aan die einde van die verslag van daardie liggaam op bladsy 18 van die Maart uitgawe verskyn. Ons vra Mr. Campbell se skoning.

## Meeting of the Central Board.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Central Board held in the Secretary's Office, 403-4, Mainline House, corner Harrison and Marshall Streets, Johannesburg, on Friday and Saturday, the 11th and 12th February, 1938, at 9.30 a.m.

**PRESENT:** Messrs. G. Hibbert (President—Johannesburg); A. J. Lucas (Johannesburg); F. E. O'Grady (Johannesburg—alternate for A. E. Vickery); H. T. Slatter (Durban); L. F. Forsyth (Pietermaritzburg); A. A. Colville (Capetown); S. G. Birch (East London—alternate for Colin Campbell); and M. S. Letty (Secretary).

**APOLOGIES:** Apologies for inability to attend were received from Mr. Callender-Easby, Mr. E. Southworth and Mr. Colin Campbell, which were accepted.

**MINUTES:** The Minutes of various Committee Meetings were taken as read, confirmed and signed:—

### Arising out of the Minutes:

(a) *Transvaal Agricultural Union:* The President read to the meeting the correspondence between the S.A. Poultry Association and the Transvaal Agricultural Union and explained the position relative to the relationship between the two bodies.

The meeting confirmed the correspondence and expressed appreciation of the strong attitude taken up by the President on behalf of the poultry industry.

(b) *Western Province Egg Laying Test:* Mr. Colville explained to the meeting the position relative to the continuation of the Western Province Test.

(c) *Poultry Standards:* The meeting agreed that:—

(i) The Secretary obtain copies of the latest English and American Standards for office reference.

(ii) Messrs. A. C. White Printing and Publishing Company be requested to submit proofs of the proposed fourth edition of Poultry Standards to be scrutinized by a Sub-Committee to be appointed by the Judges' Association Annual General Meeting.

(iii) All Specialist Breed Clubs be asked to submit 3 certified copies of the Standards of their breed to the office of the Association.

### Minute No. 11/1938—S.A.P.A. Market Agency.

The President explained to the meeting that the Association was still awaiting a reply from the Government as to their views on the S.A.P.A. Market Agency Scheme and the promulgation of compulsory grading on the Rand.

### Minute No. 12/1938—The Measle Position.

Various phases of the measle position were discussed, the meeting confirming the criticism of the Measle Scheme as submitted by the Association to the Secretary for Agriculture.

The Secretary was directed to enquire from the Secretary for Agriculture what Section of the proposed scheme applies to Agricultural Co-operative Companies buying measles on behalf of its members.

### Minute No. 13/1938—Marketing Act and Poultry Products Control Scheme.

Mr. A. S. v. d. Post, of the Division of Economics and Markets, upon invitation, attended the meeting.

The question of a Control Scheme for Poultry Products under the Marketing Act was discussed, and among other things it was decided that each Egg Circle be asked to submit a Draft National Scheme to the Association.

### Minute No. 14/1938—Native Labour on Farms.

The President explained to the meeting the evidence given on behalf of the S.A. Poultry Association before the Native Labour Commission and the action was confirmed.

### Minute No. 15/1938—S.A.P.A. Championship Show.

The Secretary tabled correspondence between the Witwatersrand Agricultural Society and the Johannesburg Poultry Club relative to the refusal by the former body to allow of the use of the Show Grounds for the Championship Show.

The whole question was carefully considered and the meeting agreed that:—

(1) Every endeavour be made by the Association to either persuade the lessors of the Show Grounds to agree to the holding of the Show or to find some other grounds in Johannesburg.

(2) Failing (1) the Board accept the invitation of Mr. L. F. Forsyth to permit the Natal Poultry Club holding the Show this year, the meeting accepted the recommendation of the Executive Committee and the matter was left to the President and Secretary.

### Minute No. 16/1938—S.A. Railways Re Day-old Chick Traffic.

After discussion of the question of Day-old Chick Traffic on the Railways, the meeting accepted the recommendation of the Executive Committee and the matter was left to the President and Secretary for reply.

### Minute No. 17/1938—Finance.

The Secretary tabled the Financial Statements for October, November and December, 1937, and these were accepted.

### Minute No. 18/1938—Auditors' Report and Balance Sheet.

The Secretary tabled the Auditors' Report and Balance Sheet for the year 1937.

*Hire of Extra Office:* In view of the congestion in the offices of the Association due to expansion, the meeting agreed that an extra adjoining room be leased at such time as the Local Executive may decide.

### Minute No. 19/1938—Bulletin.

Many phases of the Bulletin were discussed, with special reference to advertising and the need for all members to lend their fullest support.

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**Minute No. 20/1938—Regulations Re Sale of Poultry of Municipal Markets.**

The meeting accepted the recommendations of the Executive Committee with regard to Regulations, etc., with the inclusion that (1) the regulations framed to include the conveyance of poultry to Municipal Markets by other than Rail. (2) The draft regulations to be submitted to the S.A. Poultry Association for approval. (3) The regulations to be made compulsory throughout the Union.

**Minute No. 21/1938—Notifiable Diseases.**

The meeting accepted the recommendations of the Executive Committee with regard to notifiable diseases with the addition that the draft regulations be submitted to the S.A. Poultry Association for approval.

**Minute No. 22/1938—Sterilization of Feed Bags.**

The meeting accepted recommendations of the Executive Committee relative to the compulsory sterilization of all second-hand bags used for poultry feed.

**Minute No. 24/1938—Report by the Central Board for Conference.**

The meeting carefully compiled its report for Conference.

**Minute No. 25/1938—Correspondence.**

*Mayor W. H. Charter:* The Secretary tabled a letter from Major W. H. Charter, of Umhlati, relative to the B.W.D. Regulations. After lengthy discussion the meeting left the matter to the President.

**Minute No. 26/1938—General.**

(a) *Vacancy—Hon. Life Members:* The Secretary informed the meeting that the vacancy on the list of Hon. Life Members occasioned by the death of Mr. James Riley had not been filled, and the meeting unanimously agreed to propose to Conference that Mr. E. M. Tadmash, of Bloemfontein, be appointed.

(b) *S.A.P.A. Representative on Egg Levy Advisory Board:* The meeting unanimously nominated Mr. G. Hibbert, with Mr. A. J. Lucas as alternate, as the S.A.P.A. Representative on the Egg Levy Advisory Board.

(c) *Minutes of Meetings:* On the question of the Associations' Minutes being considered by affiliations, the meeting agreed that as the Bulletin is the official organ of the S.A. Poultry Association, and that all official Minutes are published therein, instead of being circulated to affiliations as in the past, all affiliations be requested to table the published Minutes at Committee Meetings and that this Minute serve as such a request. (ii) As the Minutes of meetings were now circulated to Clubs through the Bulletin, the meeting agreed that in the accounts of the Association the Bulletin account each year is to be credited with the approximate amount saved on stationery and labour.

(d) *"Farmer's Weekly" Gold Medal:* The Secretary informed the meeting that "The Farmer's Weekly" had decided to grant a Gold Medal to the Championship Show and that upon application such a medal would be granted each year. The conditions

under which the medal is to be granted to be decided upon by the Central Board. After very lengthy debate the meeting agreed that "The Farmer's Weekly" Gold Medal is to be awarded annually at the S.A.P.A. Championship Show to the best bird in the one breed variety having the largest number of entries on the Show in the Combined classes for Male and Female ring and open, excluding Selling and Novice's classes.

(f) *Finance and Organized Membership:* The President stressed the precariousness of the financial side of the Association's affairs, pointing out that it was dependent for the continuance of its activities upon Grants from the Egg Levy Fund and the Government. He spoke strongly upon the responsibility of all affiliations needing to make strenuous efforts to secure the inclusion of every poultryman as a member of the Association, whether in an affiliation or as an individual member. The provision of additional funds was essential if the local executive was to be relieved of great anxiety in its attempts to serve effectively the interests of the poultry industry.

The meeting terminated at 2 p.m. on Saturday, the 12th February, 1938.

MARCUS S. LETTY,  
Secretary.

### ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST EXTRACTED FROM THE MINUTES OF VARIOUS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

**Minute No. 80/1937—Division of Veterinary Services.**

A. *Regulations affecting the sale of poultry on Municipal Markets:* The Secretary tabled a letter from the Division of Veterinary Services on the question of Regulations affecting the sale of live and dead poultry on Municipal Markets. The President also explained to the meeting the details of his conversation with Mr. Coles, of the Veterinary Division, on the same subject.

The meeting, after carefully discussing the subject, agreed that the following be recommended to the Central Board as the suggestions from the Association to the Government.

**Live Poultry.**

1. That the Regulations framed by the Railway Administration relative to the conveyance of poultry, be strictly enforced, and that the Municipal authorities draw the attention of the Railways to any divergence from these Regulations when poultry are consigned to the Municipal Markets.

2. Municipalities should provide proper wire cages for the exposure of live birds for sale, as provided at Becon, Bloemfontein, Pietermaritzburg and other centres. The birds to be transferred to these cages before sale.

3. Municipalities should cleanse and disinfect all crates before returning to consignee.

**Dressed Poultry.**

Poultry for sale on any market should have head and feet intact and if drawn, the heart, liver and gizzard shall be wrapped separately in grease-proof paper and placed with the fowl.

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The Secretary was directed to inform the Government that the Association confirms the Government's view that Regulations in the above direction are necessary.

**B. Notifiable Diseases:** The meeting carefully considered the seriousness of the following diseases in South Africa:—

Tuberculosis, Fowl Cholera, Fowl Typhoid, and B.W.D., and it was agreed that it be recommended to the Government that this Association requests that suitable action be taken as to the proclamation of Regulations for quarantining and other measures required to eradicate these diseases from poultry farms.

The meeting felt that even where hardships are suffered, the farmers concerned will have the benefit of qualified assistance in the removal of the disease, enabling them to make a fresh start with disease-free flocks and stock. Where stock is to be destroyed by order of the Government, the question of compensation should be considered.

**C. Sterilisation of Food Bags:** The question of the spread of disease through the use of second-hand bags for poultry feed was considered and the meeting agreed that the Government be requested to frame regulations providing for the compulsory sterilisation of all second-hand bags used for the packing of poultry food.

**Minute No. 31/1937—Bulletin (Club Advertisements).**

(a) After careful discussion as to the cost of advertisements, the meeting agreed that Clubs be permitted to advertise in the Bulletin at a rate sufficient to cover the cost of printing. The name of the affiliation, the address of the Secretary and the subscription for the Club to be inserted on a directory page at the rate of £1 5s. 0d. per year.

(b) The meeting further discussed the question of show advertisements, and agreed that rates would be quoted upon application, stating space required.

**Minute No. 4/1938—S.A. Railways and Harbours.**

(a) The Secretary informed the meeting that the General Manager of the S.A. Railways had agreed to the granting of a Refrigerator Truck Service between Port Retail and Breyton in accordance with the request made by the S.A. Poultry Association on behalf of representations received from the Ermelo Poultry Club. This was noted with appreciation.

(b) The Secretary tabled a lengthy letter from the General Manager, Johannesburg, relative to:—

(i) The great improvement in the Day-old Chick Traffic as evidenced by letters of appreciation from prominent breeders.

(ii) The unsatisfactory conditions prevailing when senders extend the chick season beyond September, and

(iii) An invitation for the Association to submit any observations desired.

The meeting agreed that the matter be referred to the Central Board with the recommendations:—

(a) Owing to the rapid development of the Day-old Chick business, the Association cannot recommend that dispatching be continued after September.

(b) Heavy losses after September are mostly due to lack of proper judgment by senders as to the number of chicks to pack in each box under warm weather conditions.



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## Vergadering van die Sentraleraad.

Notule van die Vergadering van die Sentraleraad gehou in die Kantoer van die Sekretaris, Harrison en Marshall Strate, Johannesburg, op Vrydag en Saterdag, 11 en 12, Februarie, 1938, om 9.30 n.m.

TREKWOORDIG: Mnr. G. Hilbert (President—Johannesburg); A. J. Lucas (Johannesburg); F. E. O'Grady (Johannesburg—plaasvervanger vir A. E. Vickery); H. T. Slater (Durban); L. F. Forsyth (Pietermaritzburg); A. A. Colville (Kaapstad); S. G. Birch (Oos-Londen—plaasvervanger vir Colin Campbell); en M. S. Letty (Sekretaris).

VERSKOENING: Verskoning vir afwesigheid is van Mnr. Callender-Easby, E. Southworth en Colin Campbell ontvang en aangeneem.

NOTULE: Notule van verskeie Komitee-vergaderings is as gelees geneem, bekragtig en onderteken. Voortvloeiend uit die Notule.

(a) *Transvaal Landbou-Unie*: Die President het aan die vergadering die korrespondensie tussen die Transvaal Landbou-Unie en die S.A. Pluimveevereniging gelees, en het die posisie aangaande die verstandhouding tussen die twee liggame verduidelik. Die vergadering het die korrespondensie bekragtig en het sy waardering uitgespreek vir die standvastige houding opgeneem deur die President namens die Pluimveebedryf.

(b) *Weselike Provinsie Eierbedryf*: Mnr. Colville het die vergadering verwittig aangaande die voortgaan van die Weselike Provinsie Toets.

(c) *Pluimvee Standaarde*: Die vergadering het besluit dat:— (i) Vir kantoor gebruik sal die Sekretaris eksemplare van die jongste Engelse en Amerikaanse Standaarde verkry. (ii) Die „A. C. White, Printing and Publishing Company“ versoek word om drukproewe van die voorgestelde vierde uitgawe van „Poultry Standards“ in te dien vir noukeurige ondersoek deur 'n onder-komitee wat aangestel sal word deur die Jaarlikse Algemene Vergadering van die Beoordeelaars Vereniging. (iii) Alle Spesiale Ras Klubs versoek word om 3 gesertifiseerde Kopieë van hulle Standaarde aan die Kantoer van die Vereniging in te stuur.

### Notule No. 11/1938—S.A.P.V. Mark Agentskap.

Die President het die Vergadering verduidelik dat die S.A.P.V. antwoord van die Goewerment alweg aangaande hulle sinowyn omtrent die S.A.P.V. Mark Agentskap Skema en die tot standbring van verpligte gradering op die Rand.

### Notule No. 12/1938—Die Mielie Toestand.

Die Mielie toestand is bespreek en die vergadering het die kritiek wat die Vereniging aan die Sekretaris van Landbou gestuur het aangaande die Mielie Skema bekragtig.

Die Sekretaris is gelos om van die Sekretaris van Landbou te vernem welke deel van die voorgestelde skema is van toepassing op Landbou Ko-operatiewe Genootskappe wat mielies namens hulle lede aankoop.

### Notule No. 13/1938—Bemerkingswet en Pluimvee Produkte Beheer Skema.

Mnr. A. S. v. d. Post van die afdeling, Ekonomiese en Mark het, op uitnodiging, die vergadering bygewoon.

'n Skema vir die Beheer van Pluimvee produkte onder die bemerkings Wet is bespreek en onder ander is dit besluit om elke Eerkring te versoek om 'n Komop Nasionale Skema aan die Vereniging in te dien.

### Notule No. 14/1938—Natuurlike Arbeid op Plase.

Die President het die vergadering verwittig van die getuenis wat namens die S.A. Pluimveevereniging aan die Natuurlike Arbeid Kommissie afgelê is, en dit is bekragtig.

### Notule No. 15/1938—S.A.P.V. Kampioenskap Tentoonstelling.

Die Sekretaris het die briewewisseling tussen die Witwatersrand Landbou Genootskap en die „Johannesburg Poultry Club“ ingedien. Dit het aangehoor dat eragtevoerende gewiser het om toestemming te verleen om die S.A.P.V. Kampioenskap Tentoonstelling op die Tentoonstelling Terrain te laat hou.

Die hele vraag is sorgvuldig oorweeg en dit is besluit dat:—

(1) Alle pogings aangewend word om die toestemming van die verhuurders van die grond te verkry sodat die tentoonstelling daar gehou mag word of om 'n ander plek in Johannesburg te kry.

(2) As (1) nie slaag nie, dan aan die uitnodiging van Mnr. L. F. Forsyth, is verleening gegee aan die „Natal Poultry Club“ om die tentoonstelling hierdie jaar daar te hou. Die voorstelle van die uitvoerende Komitee is aangeneem en die saak aan die President en Sekretaris oorgelaat.

### Notule No. 16/1938—S.A. Spoorweg Aangaande Dag-oud Kalkens.

Na bespreking is die voorstelle van die Uitvoerende Komitee aangaande die vervoer van dag-oud kalkens per spoor aangeneem en die saak aan die President en Sekretaris oorgelaat.

### Notule No. 17/1938—Finansies.

Die Sekretaris het die Finansiële State vir Oktober, November en Desember, 1937, ingedien en hulle is aangeneem.

### Notule No. 18/1938—Ouditours' Verslag en Balansrekening.

Die Sekretaris het die Ouditours' Verslag en Balansrekening vir die Jaar, 1937, ingedien.

*Huis van ekstra Kantoer*: Weens die kongres in die kantore van die Vereniging veroorsaak deur die breiding, is toestemming aan die Uitvoerende Komitee verleen om 'n ekstra kamer te huur wanneer hulle dit nodig ag.

### Notule No. 19/1938—Bulletin.

Die Bulletin is bespreek, met spesiale verspreiding van advertensies en die noodsaaklikheid vir die versterking deur alle lede.



### Notule No. 20/1938—Regulasies vir die Verkoop van Pluimvee op Munisipale Marke.

Die vergadering het die voorstelle van die Uitvoerende Komitee aangaande regulasies, ens., met die byvoeging van (1) die vervoer van pluimvee na munisipale markes ander as per spoor. (2) Dat Konsep Regulasies deur die S.A. Pluimveevereniging goedgekeur word. (3) Dat die Regulasies verpligtend oor die hele Unie moet wees.

### Notule No. 21/1938—Rapporteerbare Siektes.

Die Vergadering het die voorstelle van die Uitvoerende Komitee aangaande rapporteerbare siektes aangenem met die byvoeging dat die Konsep regulasies aan die Vereniging ingedien word vir goedkeuring.

### Notule No. 22/1938—Sterilisie van Voeding Sakke.

Die Vergadering het die voorstelle van die Uitvoerende Komitee aangaande die verpligte sterilisatie van alle tweede-hand sakke wat vir pluimvee-kos gebruik word aangenem.

### Notule No. 24/1938—Konferensie Verslag van die Sentraalraad.

Die Vergadering het sy verslag vir Konferensie soudeurig aangestel.

### Notule No. 25/1938—Korrespondensie.

Majoor W. H. Charter: Die Sekretaris het 'n brief van Majoor W. H. Charter van Umhalk, aangaande B.W.D. Regulasies ingedien. Na volledige bespreking is die saak aan die President oorgeleë.

### Notule No. 26/1938—Algemeen.

(a) *Vakature—Ere-Permanente Lede*: Die Sekretaris het die vergadering meegedeel dat die vakature op die lys van Ere-Permanente lede veroorsaak deur die afsterwing van Mnr. James Riley nog nie aangevul is nie, en die vergadering het eensparig besluit om aan Kōndersmaie voor te stel dat Mnr. E. M. Tidmarsh van Bloemfontein aangestel word.

(b) *S.A.P.V. Verteenwoordiger op Eier-Heffings Advieseraad*: Die vergadering het Mnr. G. Hilbert met Mnr. A. J. Lucas as plaasvervanger eensparig voorgestel as S.A.P.V. Verteenwoordiger op die Eierheffings Advieseraad.

(c) *Notule van Vergaderings*: (1) Op die vraag van die oorsyning deur affiliasies van die Notule van die Vereniging, het die vergadering besluit dat wens is dat die Bulletin die amptelike orgaan is en dat alle notule daarin voorkom, alle affiliasies gevra word om genoemde notule op hulle komitee vergaderings in te dien, en dat hierdie notule as so'n versoek dien. (2) Omdat die notule nou deur die Bulletin aan alle Klubs gestuur is, is dit deur die vergadering besluit dat die boeke van die Vereniging sal die Bulletin Rekening elke jaar met die benaderde waarde van die gespaarde geld op skryfbehoeftes en arbeid gekrediteer word.

(d) *„Farmer's Weekly“ Goue Medalje*: Die Sekretaris het die vergadering meegedeel dat „The Farmer's Weekly“ besluit het om 'n Goue Medalje aan die Kampioenskap Tentoonstelling uit te reik, en dat op aanvaag sal 'n soortgelyke medalje jaarliks gegee word. Die voorwaardes moet deur die Sentraalraad

besluit word. Na volledige bespreking is dit besluit dat „The Farmer's Weekly“ Goue Medalje jaarliks gegee word aan die beste voël in die een rassoort wat die grootste getal inskrywings bevat in die aangestelde gevinge en ope klasse vir Hans, Jonghane, Henne en Jonghene, ingesluit verkoop en beginsersklasse, op die S.A.P.V. Kampioenskap Tentoonstelling.

(e) *Finansies en Organiseerde Lidmaatskap*: Die President het nadruk gelê op die oorsakerheid wat bestaan aangaande die finansiële sy van die Vereniging, en het aangewys dat vir die voortgang van sy aktiwiteite is die Vereniging afhanklik op toelae van die Eierheffingsfonds en die Goewernment.

Hy het gewys op die verantwoordelikhede wat alle affiliasies moet beseel in die oorentoekende pogings wat gemaak moet word vir die verkry van elke pluimveeboer as 'n lid van die Vereniging. Meer studie is essensieel as die Uitvoerende Komitee gehelp moet word in die uitvoer van die program in die belang van die pluimveebedryf.

Die vergadering het om 2 uur n.m. op Saterdag, 12 Februarie, 1938, verdrag.

MARCUS S. LETTY,  
Sekretaris.

### ITEMS VAN BESONDER BELANG WAT IN DIE NOTULE VAN VERSKEIE VERGADERINGS VAN ONDER-KOMITEES VOORKOM.

#### Notule No. 80/1937—Afdeling Veerartstydens.

A. *Regulasies aangaande die verkoop van Pluimvee op Munisipale Marke*: Die Sekretaris het 'n brief van die Afdeling Veerartstydens ingedien aangaande die verkoop van lewendig en geslagte pluimvee op Munisipale Marke. Die President het die vergadering ook meegedeel dat hy 'n bespreking met Mnr. Coles van Ouderstepoort oor die selfde saak gehad het.

Na sorgvuldig bespreking het die vergadering besluit om die volgende aan die Sentraalraad voor te stel as die sinstreke van die Vereniging en wat aan die Goewernment oorgeleë moet word:—

#### Lewendige Pluimvee.

1. Dat die Regulasies van die Spoorweg Administrasie aangaande die vervoer van pluimvee streng toegepas word, en dat enige afwyking van genoemde regulasies onder die aandag van die Spoorweg Administrasie deur die Munisipaliteit gebring word.

2. Munisipaliteite behoort bevredigende draadboeke te verskaf vir die vertoning van lewendige pluimvee soos opgerig op Benoni, Bloemfontein, Pietermaritzburg en ander dorpe. Hoenders moet na hierdie bokke voor verkopings oorgeplaas word.

3. Munisipaliteite moet sorg vir die skoonmaak en ontsetting van alle krate voordat hulle aan die versenders terug gestuur word.

#### Geslagte Pluimvee.

Pluimvee wat op enige mark verkoop word behoort die kop en bene aan te hê, en as hulle skoon gemaak is dan moet die hart, maag en lewer in botterpapier by die hoender geplaas word.

**Lewendige en Gedagte Pluinvee.**

Alle Voëls, voordat hulle verkoop word, moet deur 'n bevoegde beampte as geskik vir huislike gebruik verklaar word, en alle siek hoenders moet vernietig word.

Die Sekretaris is gelas om die Goewerment in kennis te stel dat die Vereniging van mening is dat Regulasies nodig is.

B. *Rapporteerbare Siektes*: Die vergadering het die ernstigheid van die volgende siektes in Suid Afrika oerweeg:—

Tuberkulose, Hoender Cholera, Hoender Tifus en B.W.D., en dit is besluit dat die Vereniging aan die Goewerment voestel dat reëlings getref word sodat genoemde siektes deur die proklamasie van Regulasies vir Kwatantyn en ander nodige maatreëls ingetring word, sodat hierdie siektes op pluinveeplase uitgetree mag word.

Die vergadering is van mening dat alhoewel hoer-sonbering mag ly, sal hulle die voedsel van gekwalifiseerde hulp in die verwydering van die siektes geniet, sodat hulle met siekte-vry plase, 'n nuwe begin sal kan maak. Waar hoenders deur die Goewerment vernietig moet word, die vraag van vergoeding in aanmerking getreem word.

C. *Sterilisering van Voeding Sakke*: Die vraag van die verspreiding van ekkies deur die gebruik van tweede-hand sakke vir pluinvee-voer is bespreek en die vergadering het besluit dat die Goewerment gevra word om regulasies in te stel vir die verpligte sterilisasie van alle tweede-hand sakke wat vir die verpakking van pluinveevoer gebruik word.

**Notule No. 81/1937—Bulletin (Klub Advertisings).**

(a) Na sorgvuldig bespreking aangaande die koste van advertensies is dit deur die vergadering besluit dat Klubs toegelaat word om in die Bulletin te adverteer

teen 'n tarief wat die drukkoste sal dek. Die naam van die affiliasie, die adres van die Sekretaris en die subskripsie van die Klub sal geplaas word teen 'n tarief van £1 5s. 0d. per jaar.

(b) Die vergadering het verder die saak van teen-oonstelling advertensies bespreek en dit is besluit dat op aanvraag van die verlangde ruimte sal 'n spesiale tarief gegee word.

**Notule No. 4/1938—S.A. Spoorweg en Hawe.**

(a) Die Sekretaris het die vergadering meegedeel dat die S.A. Spoorweg dit goedgekeur het om Koel-treke tussen Port Bletch en Breyten te verskaaf as gevolg van 'n versoek van die S.A. Pluinveevereniging, namens die Ermelo Pluinveeclub. Dit is met waardering getoets.

(b) Die Sekretaris het 'n lang brief van die Algemene Bestuurder, Johannesburg, aangaande die volgende ingedien:—

(i) Die groot verbetering in die vervoer van dag-ood kuikens as getuig deur bewys van waardering van prominente telers.

(ii) Die onbevroedigde toestand wat heers wanneer kuikens na die einde van September gestuur word.

(iii) 'n Uitnodiging vir die Vereniging om enige opmerkings in te dien.

Die vergadering het besluit om die saak aan die Sentraalraad oor te laat met die voorstelle:—

(a) Weens die vinnige uitbreiding van die dag-ood kuikens besigheid die Vereniging nie kan aanbeveel dat die versending van kuikens na September gestaak moet word nie.

(b) Groot verliese na September is gewoonlik te wyte aan die feit dat versenders in die warm weer nie minder kuikens in elke afskorting pak nie.

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# A Few Suggestions

## based on Thirty Years of Poultry Keeping in South Africa

By A. J. LUCAS.



*EDITORIAL NOTE: This is a Review and Criticism of the Poultry Industry in the Union with preceding recommendations for the future policy to be pursued if it is to be saved from the trials and tribulations which beset poultrymen overseas. Do you agree with what is said?*

### LOOKING BACK.

Thirty years of poultry keeping is a long time, and it is fortunate to be able to sit back and review the history of the Industry, its triumphs and reverses, during that period.

The outstanding feature to be observed in this looking back is that the Industry has "just grown," without plan or form, until it has arrived at a state which can only be described as "out of gear." It is imperative that no time should be lost in placing the Poultry Industry on a sound footing.

Controversies regarding the merits and demerits of intensive and extensive systems of keeping poultry, marketing, and other things, have ventilated many opinions, but have dealt with sectional parts only. The time has come for a thorough survey, in order that a policy may be framed for the Industry as a whole, which will be for the benefit of the greatest number engaged in the Industry.

### ORGANISE OR ——— ?

Many problems are confronting the Industry at the present time, and the most serious of these will not be solved unless the Industry becomes a thoroughly organized body, able to make decisions for the good of itself and in a position to enforce such decisions. The independent spirit of the farmer was perhaps an asset in the days gone by, but to-day it is more often a handicap and places him at the mercy of other organized bodies. There is no need to break this spirit, but there is ample proof of need to direct it into constructive effort through organisation. Without organisation these engaged in the Poultry Industry will find themselves in the position of having to accept the crumbs which fall from the tables of their masters in organized industries. Will it not be better to eat at the masters' table? Effective control of this industry is even more necessary than it is in other industries which are already fully controlled.

### PLAN.

Salvation can only come from within the Industry itself. Its members must study and understand past mistakes and formulate plans for the future. To allow acceptance or rejection of such plans to be at the whim of the individual will mean blank failure.

The scattered units which comprise the poultry industry make the work of organisation a difficult task, but with the proper spirit and active co-operation much can be accomplished. In the marketing of poultry products there is room for considerable improvement to the benefit of producers, while on the production side there is a great deal needing investigation. Other

industries furnish the funds necessary for organisation, realising the benefits that result, and if those engaged in the Poultry Industry will do the same, the investment will give a handsome return. Support the South African Poultry Association and its affiliated bodies, increase its membership and strength, send along constructive suggestions, and help to make poultry-keeping worthy of being called an Industry.

The need for organisation has been stressed as of primary importance because, without it, there are no means of altering any weaknesses in the structure of the Industry.

### BREEDING HEALTH OR TROUBLE.

In reviewing the growth of the Industry during thirty years of active work, one is forced to recognise that, generally speaking, breeding work has been subordinated to, one might say degraded by, the development of commercial egg production. Evidence is accumulating that this has brought, and is still bringing, trouble that will have a serious effect on the Industry if effective measures are not taken without delay to place breeding work on a better footing.

The subject is of such great importance to the Industry that no excuse is needed for dealing with it very fully.

The poultry press in England is very emphatic that the lack of health of flocks and the high rate of mortality is menacing the Industry, and speculation regarding the causes and remedies covers a wide field. In South Africa the conditions of the Industry do not seem to be quite so bad, but there are indications that trouble is ahead. Maybe the climate of South Africa has helped to retard the action of influenza at work, but South African poultrydom would be wise to thoroughly examine its position, so that it may avoid, if possible, troubles which are experienced elsewhere.

Poultry keeping, as an Industry, has expanded rapidly during the past thirty years. Prior to that it may be said there was practically no Industry, and little information of any great value was available. The pioneers were battling through a fog of experimentation with commendable courage, and those with suitable characteristics eventually drew ahead in the formulation of lines or systems of work which gave commercial success and a full-time living. These successes attracted the attention of numbers who were charmed with the idea of a life in the open, and of being their own masters, but a great many did not consider their suitability for the task, nor did they realise that to be your own master it is necessary to be harder on yourself than any master had been.

**BORN, NOT MADE.**

It can be taken as an axiom that there are few real poultrymen; to be a real poultryman there is something inborn in the character of the individual which is not substituted by poultry education, but will certainly be improved by it. The essence of successful stock keeping is the ability to place the welfare of the stock first.

**THE SEED OF MISCHIEF.**

The development of the Industry attracted all kinds of people, and "breeders" grew like mushrooms, the rapid expansion providing widespread opportunity for the sale of "breeding" stock, hatching eggs and day-old chicks, from many flocks which could not carry the seed of commercial success, and in fact were an unreliable investment. Increasing competition, causing a lowering of prices, did not encourage the "real" breeder.

For these "growing pains" there was no remedy; it was part of the penalty for rapid growth. Unfortunately there was financial suffering for many unduly optimistic purchasers. Further rapid expansion of the Industry is unlikely, and the settling-down process is taking place.

The period of rapid development, and the opportunity it gave to the commercial-minded (not poultry-minded) has left us a legacy of trouble. Breeding from diseased, debilitated and unsuitable stock, the progeny has been spread far and wide. Sooner or later there will have to be a Notifiable Diseases of Poultry Act to clean up poultry flocks. With wider knowledge, which this Bulletin will help to spread, will come a re-organisation of the Industry upon a firmer basis.

**TRUE BREEDING.**

There can be no doubt that upon the true "breeder" will fall the greatest responsibility for the elimination of factors which are inimical to the welfare of the flock. But it will have to be recognised that breeding work with poultry, properly done, is painstaking, continuous, laborious, exacting drudgery, and, above all, expensive.

Will the ordinary poultry farmer be willing to pay adequately for properly done breeding work? It has been said that you pay for good roads whether you have them or not. (In case this is too subtle for some people, the explanation is that if you do not spend money on making good roads you will spend it on higher cost of running and upkeep of vehicles.) It is the same with poultry. You pay for good poultry whether you have them or not. If you buy cheaply, because the cost of good breeding work has been saved by the seller, you will pay in the long run through diminished revenue, or other losses. This does not mean that by paying a high price you will automatically get the best stock. Nothing should be taken for granted, any more than in buying a motor car, wireless set, or anything else.

The pioneers of the egg-production industry realised the need for improvement in laying capacity of their flocks, in order to assure commercial success. There were no specialist breeders to fill this need, and therefore the work of improvement became superimposed upon the work of commercial egg-production

on the same farm, and with considerable success; the margin for improvement was so wide and the circumstances so favourable. The ranks of the Industry were swelled by multitudes attracted by these successes, and the lower margin of profit to-day, consequent upon the increased production, has created a very different position. The commercial egg producer finds it necessary to keep a larger flock, and the lack of capable assistants makes it practically impossible for the majority to carry on conscientious breeding work at the same time, except under conditions of self-imposed slavery. Unwillingness on the part of short-sighted egg producers to pay a fair price for well-bred stock encouraged the production of cheap chicks, and the opportunity was not lost by those willing to deliver at the price, what was quite possibly value for the money. In the long run one gets what one pays for, and if you are not willing to pay for chicks of quality, then you will get chicks without quality.

**WHERE PATHS DIVERGE.**

The menace of spreading disease and increasing mortality is a clear indication that something is going wrong. Improvement will not come until it is fully recognised throughout the Industry that breeding and commercial egg-production cannot run together with the same flocks to-day as they did in the days of the pioneers. Circumstances are quite different, and it should not be forgotten that the pioneers were dealing with birds which had not suffered from breeding for high egg-production over many years in the hands of all kinds of so-called "production breeders."

Let us consider some of the aims and attainments of the pioneers of commercial egg production, and their probable influence on breeding work. They were working with birds, almost all of which did most of their laying in the spring and summer months, going into a moult in the autumn and taking their rest during the winter. A few exceptions, which probably had moulted earlier, turned out a small supply of eggs in the winter, which were sold at high prices. It was obvious that an increased supply of winter eggs would add considerably to the revenue, and efforts were directed to this end by selection of, and breeding from, the winter layers. Some of the pullets showed capacity for winter laying, and concentration on this factor was the beginning of high records. Continued selection produced the pullet which continued to lay into the autumn, and even into the following winter before moulting, with further added profit to the egg producer. Production of the winter egg offered the means for earlier hatching to produce the autumn-laying pullet in larger numbers.

The majority of the pioneers were at least poultrymen at heart, the period of what might be called "apprenticeship" during these developments was largely a test of that. With their experience to guide them it is probable that they would have recognised without much delay any serious weakness developed. But the remarkable success achieved brought steadily increasing numbers into the egg industry, including those solely commercial-minded opportunists who understood none of the problems. The increasing demand for day-old chicks (the quickest way of getting established on a living scale) and the better price from their sale, encouraged many to turn to the "lay-

of business, a large proportion of whom had no more idea of breeding than the putting of male and female together. Larger incubators required increasing quantities of eggs, and the comparatively short hatching season, with its accompanying rush, involved less care in selection of both birds and eggs. Increased losses eventually resulting from indiscriminate brooding were either ignored or obscured by the higher profits from selling chicks. In the competition to sell chicks prices were cut, still further eliminating incentive to good breeding, but indiscriminate brooding would have been a short-lived error if there had been discriminate buying. Large numbers of purchasers, not all newcomers, without the faintest idea that there were any intricacies in breeding, bought without any enquiry as to what was behind the chicks. Some hatchers, honest to their friends, have admitted that without selling

chicks their poultry farming would not pay. If their own farming would not pay without selling chicks, how could the purchasers of chicks from such stock hope to make it pay? Price-cutting, with its accompanying evils, was encouraged by short-sighted egg-producers, attracted by the immediate saving.

From the foregoing it should be generally recognised that the troubles which confront the industry to-day in respect of lack of health and high mortality arise from a combination of influences, developing chiefly from its unhealthy rapid growth, which obscured difficulties and dangers, and entirely diverted attention from the need for a definite plan for development.

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## MAY/MEI.

- 6—7. Pinetown and District Poultry Club.  
7. Premier Poultry Club (Paarl).  
12—14. Johannesburg Poultry Club.  
24—25. Malmesbury and District Poultry Club.  
24—26. George and District Poultry Club.

## JUNE/JUNIE.

- 3—4. Queenstown Poultry Club.  
10—11. Bloemfontein and District Poultry Society  
(O.F.S. Challenge Show).  
15—16. Transkeian Poultry Society (Butterworth).  
17—18. Griqualand West Poultry Club (Kimberley).  
17—18. Port Elizabeth Poultry Club.  
21—24. Natal Poultry Club—Championship Show  
(Pietermaritzburg).  
23—25. Capetown and Peninsula Poultry Club (W.P.  
Challenge Show).

## JULY/JULIE.

- 1—2. East London and Border Poultry Society  
(Eastern Province Challenge Show).  
8—9. Beaufort and District Poultry Club.

## POULTRY THEFTS.

Several complaints of poultry thieving on a large scale have reached the Office of the Association from different parts of the Union. In order that the Association may compile statistics to submit to the police, members are asked to send in all details of thieving without delay to the Secretary, Box 1795, Johannesburg.

## ORGANISE.

The organisations listed below appeal to you for support. Join now and further your interests and those of the industry.

South African Poultry Association.—Secretary, P.O. Box 1795, Johannesburg. Subscription, 7/6 per year.

S.A. Poultry Association Breeders' Register.—Registrar, Box 1795, Johannesburg. Subscription, £1 ls. per year.

Capetown and Peninsula Poultry Club.—Secretary, W. F. Klein, Esq., P.O. Box 599, Capetown. Subscription, 10s. 6d. per year.

S.A. Australorp Breeders' Club.—Secretary, N. W. Ayson, Esq., "Dalbenham," Hornsey Road, Mowbray, C.P.

## Rhode Island Red Club.

## ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting of the Rhode Island Red Club of South Africa was held in Johannesburg on the 9th of March, 1938.

Owing to the absence of the President, Mr. R. H. Fotheringham, the chair was occupied by Mr. L. B. Megon.

After the confirmation of the Minutes of the previous meeting, the Secretary submitted his report. The report referred to a small increase in membership and a great improvement in the quality of Reds throughout the country.

The Chairman in his report referred to the loss of £5 0s. 11d. on the previous year's working due principally to the Club having to bear an amount of £10 for Judges' Fees in connection with the Championship Show. The Club had lost two valuable members during the year in Mr. Hilson and Mr. Dart, and extended to their families the Club's deepest sympathies.

The Chairman further considered it would be in the interest of the Club if its existence was advertised. The following officers were elected:—President: R. H. Fotheringham, Esq. Vice-Presidents: Messrs. O. Moffit, J. Ireland, R. Mitchell, P. H. Duranty, A. E. Vickery, Douglas Alexander, Lou Klopper, Andrew-Jack, W. Waddingham, R. Poiritt, W. E. McLelland, Mendelsohn Bros., Verseput Bros., and L. Karg. Chairman: L. B. Megon. Committee: Messrs. J. van Breda, A. E. Vickery, L. Karg, E. Lancaster, D. Alexander, A. Adams. Secretary: C. M. Engelbrecht.

## PLUIMVEE STELERY.

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S.A. Minorca Club.—Secretary, W. W. Bartlet, Esq., P.O. Box 7499, Johannesburg. Subscription, 5/- per year; Initial fee, 2/6.

Sussex Poultry Club.—C/o F. E. O'Grady, Esq., P.O. Box 486, Johannesburg. Subscription 5/-, Entrance Fee 5/-.

## S.A.P.A. RINGS.

**What are S.A.P.A. Rings?** S.A.P.A. Rings are consecutively numbered legbands bearing the provincial letter and can only be put on birds before they reach maturity. These rings are the official rings of the Association and may be used only by members of the Association. S.A.P.A. Rings are obtainable for any breed of Turkey, Fowl, Bantam, Duck, Goose, Pigeon and Cagebird.

**What Constitutes a Member?** A member of the Association is a person who is a paid-up member of an affiliated Egg Circle, Poultry Club, Specialist Breed Club, or an individual member of the Association.

**How does a Member get the Rings?** A member must apply to the Secretary of his Club, Egg Circle or Specialist Breed Society for his requirements. The orders are then sent to the Association for despatch overseas for execution. Individual members of the Association must apply direct to the Secretary of the Association.

**How does a Member state his Requirements?** As there are different size rings for each breed and also different sizes for cockerels and pullets, members who are not aware of these numbers must state the number of pullet rings and the number of cockerel rings for each breed required. Your Secretary will then order accordingly.

## Griqualand West Poultry Club.

### ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Griqualand West Poultry, Pigeon and Cage Bird Club was held on the 28th January.

The activities of the Club during the past year were referred to. Two Shows were held, one a Young Bird Show held in conjunction with the Agricultural Society's Show, the other was the Annual event held in the City Hall during July, where the number of entries were very large with keen competition. Mr. Letty, the Secretary of the S.A.P.A., officiated as Judge, conducted Judges' Examinations, and gave a lecture.

Owing to pressure of work, Mr. H. Haachoff had to resign the Secretaryship after many years of excellent service to the Club, and he was accorded a note of sincere thanks for all he had done. Mr. R. Bergstrom was elected Secretary for the ensuing year. The Chairmanship remains in the able hands of that old stalwart, Mr. S. Peachey.

**What do the Rings Cost?** The price depends upon the Club supplying them, but the price is always very reasonable. The price to individual members applying direct to the Association is 12/6d. per hundred.

**What is the Minimum Number One may Order?**

The minimum number of any one size that may be ordered is 10 rings.

**What are the Advantages of using S.A.P.A. Rings?** The advantages are that birds ringed with S.A.P.A. Official Rings have a permanent identification number, which cannot be removed after the birds have reached maturity. They indicate that the owner is a member of the one organisation protecting the interests of poultrymen. The numbering or lettering on the rings cannot be tampered with, without it showing. Only birds with S.A.P.A. bands are eligible for Bronze Medals granted by the Association at Championship Shows. These rings will be found most useful for trapping, showing, etc.

**When must S.A.P.A. Rings be Ordered?** They should be ordered as early as possible each year in view of the fact that the orders are sent overseas for execution. No rings are delivered before the 1st of August each year, so orders should be placed about April, May or June.

## Division of Veterinary Services.

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